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1. New Projects

- a. Bratislava: An extensive enlargement of the explosive plant (dynamite factory) on the outskirts of the town in the direction of Racisdorf is being carried out. Beyond the winter port a large factory is being erected for the production of artificial fats.
- b. Bratislava: A new military airport is under construction between Bratislava and Ivanka on the Trnava highway. Concrete landing strips are being built, and the construction of two hangars is being completed. This airfield is supposed to be the largest and most modern in Europe.
- c. Mlyava: The factory for military geometrical measuring instruments has been extensively enlarged. During the summer months Prime Minister Zapotocky presented two employees of this factory with a gold and silver medal for achievements in the field of socialistic competition. At the beginning of October 1949 the same employees were sentenced to death for espionage.
- d. Regulation of the Vah river: New hydroelectric power stations are being constructed near Ilava, Trencin, Nove Mesto, and Piestany.
- e. Komarno: The Skoda works are constructing new shipyards here.
- f. Liptovsky Sv. Mikulas: Construction has started on new textile works. In some sections operations will commence this year.
- g. Orava: Construction of a large dam is being completed. Several communities have already been evacuated near Dolni Kubin.
- h. Presov: The cannning factory has commenced production.

2. Expulsion Decrees to Slovak peasants

District national committees in southern Slovakia forwarded decrees to peasants during the autumn months of 1949 according to which they have to leave their settlements within a certain very short period. They are promised better homes

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in Bohemia's border regions (former Sudetenland). They are only allowed to take a limited amount of baggage with them. This provision is also in force in respect to peasants of Hungarian nationality and especially the larger landowners. This should serve to break their resistance against the forming of unified farming cooperatives and against the forced collectivization of the land. These farmers were ordered to deliver much higher quotas of agricultural products than the smaller peasants and farming cooperatives. The farmers were then warned that their land would be given to the farming cooperatives should they not comply with the prescribed deliveries.

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